IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: MASUDA, Jun et al. Confirmation No. 4453

Application No. 10/599,118 Group Art Unit: 1794

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For: METAL MATERIAL FOR PARTS OF CASTING MACHINE.

MOLTEN ALUMINUM ALLOY-CONTACT MEMBER AND

METHOD FRO PRODUCING THEM

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

May 13, 2010

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 18, 2010, and having a period for response set to expire on May 18, 2010.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.